Peterborough Digital Connectivity Overview – June 2024







Broadband

Fibre broadband coverage in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough is above the national average and ahead of Government targets

In Peterborough:

- >99% of premises can access partial/full fibre broadband with download speeds >24Mbps*
- >93% can access gigabit capable broadband with download speeds of at least 1000Mbps (1Gb)*

Gigabit capable fibre broadband coverage is increasing at pace through direct government intervention and commercial deployment towards the target of 85% by 2025.

- A number of commercial providers have announced plans to rollout gigabit capable fibre broadband in Peterborough area from 2022 onwards including: CityFibre, Gigaclear and Openreach, with more expected.
- View our <u>active suppliers list</u> for more information
- Virgin Media's cable network will be upgraded to full fibre over the next two years
- Project Gigabit is combining government funding with commercial investment to extend gigabit capable fibre coverage to fill the gaps
- Gigabit Vouchers and top ups may be available to cover the cost of installing broadband for eligible groups of rural premises that are not in commercial plans or covered by Project Gigabit
- View our <u>broadband postcode checker</u> and check <u>eligibility for Gigabit Vouchers</u>

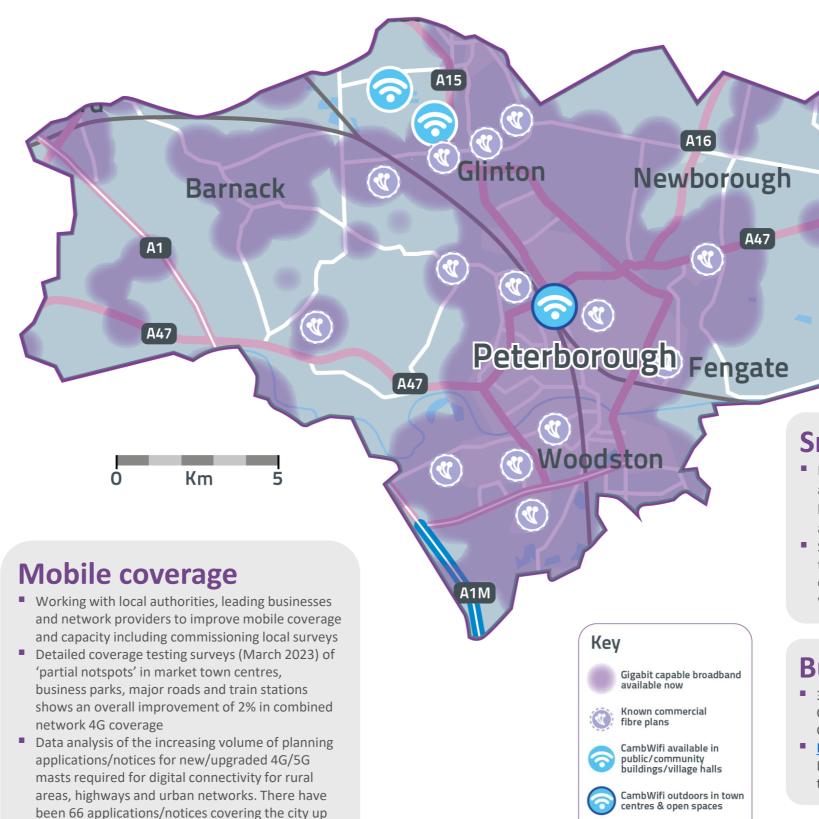
Work is underway to improve broadband coverage and speeds for social housing, matching the 85% target for market housing by 2025, by liaising with leading housing providers, government and telecoms networks.

Public Access Wifi

CambWifi is widely available in public and community buildings, libraries, leisure centres, park & ride sites, and council offices across Cambridgeshire

CambWifi has also been made available in Peterborough city centre with the support of the Combined Authority, and in two eligible village halls with a government grant (now closed).

View our CambWifi map and postcode checker



Smart technology

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- Exploring innovative use of street furniture such as lighting columns and multi-use utility poles to host a range of functions including small cells and sensor networks
- Small Cells trials using lighting columns to host telecoms equipment to improve mobile connectivity are planned for Peterborough working with operators

Business Support

- 33 Peterborough businesses benefited from the Connecting Cambridgeshire Digital Business Grants scheme funded by CPCA and EU
- Peterborough Positive Business Improvement
 District has promoted the rollout of CambWifi in
 the city centre to support the local economy

Local plans

Smart sensor networks

 The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough <u>Digital</u> <u>Connectivity Strategy (2021-2025)</u> highlights the importance of Digital Connectivity and Smart technology to support business and communities

communities

to April 2023, of which 18 were refused

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been appointed to proactively engage with

network providers, planning teams and local

A dedicated digital connectivity planning officer has